

Commissioner Minutes of January 26, 2010

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session January 26, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Whittington. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call found all Commissioners present.

There were no corrections or additions to the agenda.

Corrections: *Commissioner Carl requested a correction to the Minutes of the Department Heads/Elected Officials Meeting, on January 19, 2010. On page three, last paragraph, sentence should read "Laura Brandon-Maveal, Mike Greer and Ann Manning volunteered.*

The Regular Board minutes of January 14, 2010 were then considered. *Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Reid, to accept the minutes as prepared.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

CASH BALANCES: Provided by Christy Van Tiem, Treasurer; General Fund 101 \$14,667.68 and Courts 231 \$53,137.77.

The **semi-monthly Finance report totaling \$45,813.94** was then considered for payment. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to approve the bills for payment as presented.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

Public Comments:

None at this time.

Resolution For Consideration –

Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Smith, to adopt the text changes to the Gladwin County Zoning Ordinance, as presented. Roll call vote as follows: Walters-yes, Carl-yes, Rhode-yes, Reid-yes, Posey-yes, Smith-yes, and Whittington-yes. 7-Yes, 0 No. **Ayes carried, resolution 2010-004 declared adopted.**

Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Whittington, to receive and file the Miscellaneous Resolution, from Oakland County. Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

Correspondence from the Chair:

Commissioner Whittington commented on a letter he received from *The United States Department of Commerce/Economic Development, the Economic Development Administration (EDA)* has determined Gladwin County is eligible to apply for grant assistance under EDA's new Community Trade Adjustment Assistance (CTAA) program.

Commissioner Whittington moved to re-appoint two members of the Land Bank Board, Robert Moffit and Thomas Hindman, as requested by Treasurer, Christy Van Tiem. No objections.

Committee Reports:

Commissioner Smith reported:

- On attending the Special Data Meeting on 01/19/10
- On attending Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting on 01/21/10
I resigned as Chair and Rebeckah Townsend was elected.
Discussed use of Lodge for Emergency Management needs.
- On attending Committee of the Whole Meeting on 01/21/10.

Commissioner Smith stated she attended the Open House for the new Children's Library. It was very well attended; they have a beautiful large area, with computers and Wii Games available for the children. Thanks go to Bruce Guy for his hard work.

Commissioner Posey reported:

- On attending the Special Data Meeting on 01/19/10.
Discussed the miles of fiber optic to be run through Gladwin.
New line would go straight through Gladwin, if we can find the funding. We have a four year plan with the help of the IT Director.
There will be another meeting, and letters will go out with the date and time.
- In April there will be an informational meeting for persons interested in the Grant writing process. The meeting will be held at Riverwalk, by EMCOG with Bob Moffit and Frank Starkweather.
No date has been set at this time.
- On attending the Data Committee Meeting on 01/21/10.
- On attending the Committee of the Whole Meeting on 01/21/10.

Commissioner Walters reported:

- On attending a rescheduled County Fair Board Meeting 01/18/10.
- On attending the Sherman Township Meeting and the Regular Fair Board Meeting on 01/19/2010.
- On attending the Democratic Meeting on 01/20/10.
- On attending a Committee of the Whole Meeting on 01/21/10.
- On attending the Parks and Recreation Meeting on 01/21/10.

Commissioner Walters reported on the deaths of two veterans from our area. Felix Pingot Jr., from Beaverton and Lucas T. Beachnaw of Lowell, Michigan. Lucas Beachnaw was the cousin of Constance Hetherington, who works in the County Clerk's Office. Our thoughts and prayers go out to both families.

- On attending the Mental Health Meeting tonight.

Commissioner Carl reported:

- On attending the Bourret Township Meeting on 01/12/10.
- On attending the Committee of the Whole Meeting on 01/13/10.
- On attending Clement Township Meeting on 01/13/10.
- On attending Butman Township Meeting and Board Meeting on 01/14/10.
- On attending Data and Buildings & Grounds Meeting on 01/19/10.
- On attending Buildings & Grounds and Gladwin Township Meetings on 01/20/10.
- On attending Committee of the Whole Meeting on 01/21/10.
- On attending Finance Meeting on 01/22/10.
- On attending Personnel Meeting on 01/25/10.

Commissioner Carl commented, I sat in Committee (Personnel Committee) with Commissioners Rhodes and Whittington yesterday and reviewed applicant for the Financial Coordinator position, this committee including myself came up with the recommendation of a person for the Board to act on today. I also spoke with Judge Evans earlier in the week to see if there were any concerns the board should look into in regards to hiring a Financial Coordinator. Unfortunately, it wasn't until last night that Judge Evans called me and said he is not rendering an opinion on the matter, but thinks there are a couple of things the Board should consider. (1) MCL 15.182 the Incompatible Offices Act, and (2) MCL 15.321, 15.322, 15.323 and 15.323 (a), which deal with counties of more than 25,000 people and speak to the issue of public servants being part to a contract with a public entity.

In speaking with Judge Evans he suggested that the Board have a labor attorney render an opinion. Also, in committee the issue was brought up as to a union represented employee being part of developing a budget and whether it would cause concern on the union's part. I realize the importance of getting started on our budget, but more importantly the importance of making sure the selection process is done correctly. In fairness to all who have applied and to ensure the Board is filling the Financial Coordinators position properly "I would move that the Board table the position of Finance Coordinator until such time as an opinion has been rendered by our labor attorney".

*Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Smith, to table hiring for the position of Financial Coordinator. Discussion. Roll call vote as follows: Carl-yes, Rhode-no, Reid-yes, Posey-yes, Smith-yes, Whittington-no and Walters-yes. 5 Yes, 2 No. Ayes carried, **Motion Passed.***

Commissioner Reid reported:

- On contact with Kathy Tenwalde from USDA regarding grants for jobs.
- Asked Rick Ghent to give an up date on Building.
Rick stated the building is completely dry. He has received a clean air clearance letter. Building is free and clear. Electrical repairs started

today Dan Rowley and Scott Adams working together. Dave Cady will be handling the carpentry, Dave Bonham the mechanical and Pete Bierlein the painting and wall papering – all were hired by ServPro. Rick stated they were shooting for one month to completion. ServPro Has pulled out and we are on the road to recovery.

Rick also stated he has contacted Space Inc. from Midland about the damages to FOC, Register of Deeds and the Juvenile Probation Offices.

Commissioner Whittington stated that all the hundreds of hours Rick and his crews put in are appreciated by all.

Commissioner Reid added that when Dave Bonham gets in here there should be a meeting of the whole to discuss the coil. Also, any grant process available. Need to meet with electrician to bring building up to code. Rick Ghent stated he already has a list.

Commissioner Whittington reported:

He was considering making a complete overhaul of committees, not going to do that today. He is concerned that if the Chair is not allowed to make decisions/appointments on a day to day basis, then everything would have to go to the Committee of the Whole. If that is the case, committees should be dissolved. Discussion. *Commissioner Whittington asked the Board, “what do we do, if we have to call a Committee of the Whole to make day to day decisions”? Commissioner Smith, suggested whoever is Chairman of the Board; provide a report of the day to day decisions at each Board Meeting.*

Christy Van Tiem, Treasurer, suggested the Board might put together a two or three person committee to work on the budget, instead of hiring a Financial Coordinator. She would be willing to help. Commissioner Carl noted that the Board had already acted on having a Financial Coordinator, what the requirements are, what the pay would be. Commissioner Carl further noted that the committee already has met with the applicants and can make a recommendation to the position once the labor attorney has reviewed the matter.

Commissioner Rhode reported:

- On attending the Health & Human Services Meeting on 01/11/2010. There were (25) 2-1-1 calls from 12/01/2009 to 12/31/2009. Discussed the success of the Michigan Works Summer Program we will be participating again this summer. (A copy of the Monthly Statistical Report was provided) Total Job Seeker Office Visits from 07/01/2009 - 12/31/2009 for Gladwin were 7,518.
- On attending the MAC Meeting on 01/18/10. Conference will be held in Lansing, March 29 – 31, 2010. (If anyone is interested in going contact Commissioner Rhode)

Commissioner Carl requested that Carmen send a copy of the "Michigan Works Booklet" to the townships.

- Discussed figures for State Budget (2010 – 2011).
- On attending the Finance Meeting on 01/22/2010.
- On attending the City Council Meeting on 01/25/2010.

Finance Matters/Commissioner Rhode:

1. **Lynn Peden**, requested reimbursement for mileage to Bishop Airport to pick up Tom Kreckman. Dollar amount \$93.50 to be paid from FOC Travel Line 231-141-860-000. *Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Carl, to deny payment. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***
2. **Gina Conrad, Gypsy Moth**, requested to renew her **ARKVIEW Maintenance Contract** at a cost of **\$400.00**, to be paid from Gypsy Moth Equipment Maintenance line 239-000-933-000. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Posey, to make payment as requested. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***
3. **Ron Taylor, Animal Control Officer**, requested to be paid for **5 unused vacation days, per UAW Unit 7 Contract**, to be paid from Animal Control Officer Salary line 101-430-727-000. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to make requested payment. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***
4. **Ron Taylor, Animal Control Officer**, requested to purchase **bulk supply of Disinfectant** for Animal Control. Total of purchase is **\$1,012**, to be paid from **Animal Control Supplies line 101-430-727-000**. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Posey to allow. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***
5. **Judd Eastman**, requested authorization to transfer **\$2,000** from the Jail Equipment Maintenance line 101-351-930-001 and **\$1,429.75** from the Jail Building Maintenance line 101-351-930-000, from the 2009 Budget into Jail Uniforms and Accessories line 101-351-758-000, Totaling **\$3,429.75**, for the **purchase of new uniforms for the jail employees**. *Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Carl, to allow transfer of funds. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***
6. **Ray Hartwell**, requested to **purchase stop-sticks**, to be taken out of the 2010 Budget. Total cost of this project is **\$4,219** that will be paid in full up front by the County. **MMRMA** will reimburse **\$2,110** and **Crime Stoppers** will pay **\$399** towards the cost of the project. Total County cost **\$1,710** to be paid from Sheriff Capital Outlay 101-900-970-000. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl to allow purchase of stop-sticks. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***
7. **Ray Hartwell**, requested approval to **purchase a fireproof file cabinet** for employee files, cost of cabinet **\$1,800**, to be paid from the Sheriff's Supplies line 101-301-727-000. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to allow purchase of cabinet. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

Commissioner Reid questioned mileage for Debra Primeau to Harrison, due to the necessity of moving her office there. Also suggested checking with insurance agent in regard to payment of mileage for picking up Tom Kreckman. Rick stated he didn't think Clare would have a problem with it.

Public Comments:

Christy Van Tiem, commented there is some confusion in regard to ordering supplies. Her office was told only emergency supplies could be ordered until the Financial Coordinators position was filled. Mike Brubaker, stated that he has an order that needs to be placed and had no confirmation purchasing was up and running. Christy Van Tiem suggested that her office would be willing to take over the Central Purchasing.

Ray Hartwell, commented that he concurred with Christy on the need to place orders.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Posey, to move Central Purchasing to the Treasurers Office. Commissioner Carl then asked if that would take an amendment to the Financial Coordinators position? Discussion. Commissioner Smith withdrew motion, and Commissioner Posey withdrew support.

Ginny Grant, Veterans Affairs, stated she was not aware of the posting for the Financial Coordinators position. Carmen stated the position was posted in all buildings.

*Motion by Commissioner Walters, supported by Commissioner Carl, to receive and file various correspondence and reports. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

*Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Walters, to adjourn. Ayes carried, **motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m., until February 09, 2010 at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise ordered.*

Cheryl Edgar
Chief Deputy Clerk

Terry Whittington
Chairman